

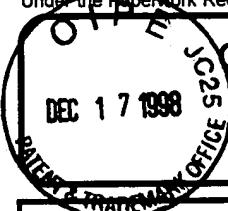
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This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/714,987

filed on September 17, 1996, entitled Method and Apparatus for Controlled Contraction of Soft Tissue

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b) and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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- Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on October 3, 1998

under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

- A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

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- a. DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

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b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

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a. PTO-1449

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	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 -3 =	0	x \$ 82 =	0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$ =	
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	790
			Total of above Calculations =		988
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					494
				TOTAL =	494

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- a. A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer claimed.

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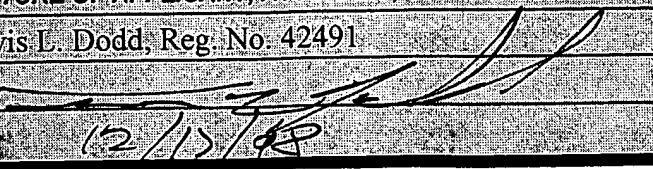
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